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On 8 June 2007, the boards of directors of Tesco PLC ("Tesco") and Dobbies Garden Centres pic ("Dobbies") announced the terms of a recommended cash Offer to be made by Tesco Holdings Limited ("Tesco Holdings") for Dobbies at a price of 1,500 pence per Dobbies Share. The document setting out the full terms of the Offer (the "Offer Document") was posted to Dobbies Shareholders on 20 June 2007.

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The Board of Tesco announces that as at 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 18 July 2007, being the first closing date of the Offer, valid acceptances of the Offer had been received in respect of a total of 2,060,529 Dobbies Shares representing approximately 20.5 per cent. of the existing issued share capital of Dobbies.

This total includes valid acceptances of the Offer received in respect of:

- 1,648,966 Dobbies Shares, representing approximately 16.4 per cent. of the existing issued share capital of Dobbies, for which irrevocable undertakings to accept the Offer have been received and over which Tesco Holdings has a call option (the exercise of which is subject to certain conditions); and
- a further 270,791 Dobbies Shares, representing approximately 2.7 per cent. of the existing issued share capital of Dobbies, for which irrevocable undertakings to accept the Offer have been received.

In addition to the Dobbies Shares in respect of which Tesco Holdings has received acceptances of the Offer, Tesco Holdings owns 1,179,174 Dobbies Shares, representing approximately 11.7 per cent: of the existing issued share capital of Dobbies.

In total, therefore, as at 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 18 July 2007, Tesco Holdings may count 3,239,703 Dobbies Shares (representing approximately 32.2 per cent. of the existing issued share capital of Dobbies) towards satisfaction of the acceptance condition to its Offer.

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relevant securities which is, or may be, an inducement to deal or refrain from dealing in such securities.

Terms defined in the Offer Document have the same meanings in this announcement. The terms "acting in concert" and "relevant securities" have the same meanings as in the City Code.

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In accordance with normal UK practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act, Tesco or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Dobbies Shares outside the United States, other than pursuant to the Offer, during the period in which the Offer remains open for acceptance. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the UK, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website, www.londonstockexchange.com.

